GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VIOLATIONS OF LAC BY CHINA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether violations of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) by the Chinese Army have come to notice recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA)

(a) to (c) The resolution of the boundary question between India and China is outstanding.The two sides also have differences in perception of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the India-China border areas. Both sides carry out patrolling activity in the India-China border areas. Transgressions of the LAC are taken up through diplomatic channels and at Border Personnel Meetings/Flag Meetings.

India and China seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question through peaceful consultations. An Agreement on the Maintenance of Peace and Tranquility along the Line of Actual Control in the India-China Border Areas was signed in 1993 and a second agreement on Confidence Building Measures in the Military Field along the Line of Actual Control in the India-China Border Areas was signed in 1996.These two Agreements provide an institutional framework for the maintenance of peace and tranquility in the border areas.

Government remains vigilant and takes all necessary and appropriate measures to safeguard the sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of India.